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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S APPOINTMENTS

1. WHEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HAYDAR CALLED ON TWINAM TODAY TWINAM TOOK OCCASION TO CONVEY AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE TO AMBASSADOR MUTAWAKEL THAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT DURING HIS AUGUST 28-31 VISIT TO WASHINGTON. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN PRESSING US HARD FOR COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT SINCE TALKING TO PRIME MINISTER BY PHONE DAY OR SO AGO. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF ENORMOUS PRESSURES ON PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN VIEW OF UPCOMING CAMP DAVID TALKS BUT AT END OF MEETING WAS STILL ASKING US TO TRY AGAIN FOR BRIEF CALL ON PRESIDENT.(FYI: WE WILL NOT. END FYI.)

2. FYI: WE ARE SEEKING MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY. MUTAWAKEL EXPRESSED CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN PROTOCOL TERMS SECRETARY WOULD BE NEXT APPROPRIATE
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OFFICIAL FOR PRIME MINISTER TO SEE IF PRESIDENT WERE UNAVAILABLE. HE DID NOT RAISE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND WE HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION BACK HERE THAT GIVEN CURRENT YAR ATTITUDE ON MILITARY SUPPLY QUESTIONS IT WOULD BE FAR PREFERABLE FOR SECRETARY RATHER THAN VICE PRESIDENT TO DEAL WITH PRIME MINISTER. END FYI. VANCE

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